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ONE CENT

BORO HEALTH IS VERY GOOD

Officer Darby Makes Excellent Report of His 1917 Activities

NO COMPLAINTS WERE MADE

W. M. Darby, health officer for Charleroi borough, made quite a comprehensive report to the borough council at its meeting Monday evening, showing his activities during the past year. He showed the number of communicable diseases which came under his jurisdiction to have been 178, of which 10 were scarlet fever, 11 diphtheria, 33 measles, 11 chicken pox, 17 whooping cough, 3 typhoid fever, 10 spinal meningitis, seven tuberculosis, two erysipelas, five mumps and eight of other troubles. In all he made 187 disinfections.

The present time there are one case of diphtheria and two cases of measles under his jurisdiction. He made a complete disinfection of all the borough school buildings, while he inspected dairies, of which two were closed until sanitary arrangements were made. A thorough inspection of business places, hotels, restaurants, ice cream parlors, was made after six soda fountains were made to put in a hot water pump and one bakery was made sanitary. Some retail milk dealers were made to adjust sanitary arrangements while one restaurant was closed.

Five business places were rectified. Quantities of foodstuffs were also condemned during the year and the proprietors compelled to destroy the same by burning.

A large number of unsanitary places, in the way of yards, lots, cellars, closets, stables, sewers were inspected and owners compelled to clean up wherever necessary.

He reports the general health conditions of the town as being good, but that the garbage furnace is in bad shape, and that if effective service is to be given by this department it will be necessary to have extensive repairs made. Further more Mr. Darby says the sanitary conditions of the furnace and its surroundings needs the attention of the borough council.

Go to Stevenson's for lunch. 17116*

ARE ARRESTED FOR
PROFITTEERING IN COAL

Government officials arrested two coal brokers in Pittsburgh on Monday for profiteering in coal. They are charged with violating President Wilson's proclamation of last August, which provided that no coal jobber or broker should charge more than 15 per cent profit on each ton of coal handled. The men were released under \$1,000 bail each for a hearing to-day.

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NO CHANGE IN CONDITIONS
ON THE MONONGAHELA

No change is apparent in conditions along the Monongahela river, which has been frozen over for the past week. No steamboats in this vicinity have attempted to make their way through the heavy ice, because it is too thick to make any headway even with a light steamboat. There is plenty of coal loaded in the upper pools, but it cannot be moved until the ice moves out. In the meantime mills are finding it difficult to keep up their fuel supply, as they are compelled to depend wholly on the railroads for service.

HIS CHRISTMAS WAS A HAPPY ONE

A letter to the editor of the Mail from Camp Lee is so self-explanatory that further comment is unnecessary:

Dear Editor—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your estimable paper to extend my hearty thanks which seems to be "in order" with other good works Charleroi people and Charleroi concerns are providing for near local boys "with the colors." For Christmas, among the many that reached me from people whom I met and did not know was a generous chertie together with a most encouraging letter from the Macbeth Glass Company. At the time "the most appreciated of all gifts was handed me I was feeling particularly blue, for I had just received the news that a furlough for Christmas was a pleasure denied me. It seemed as though everything was going the other way. I opened the letter without much contemplation—my thoughts were far from Camp Lee—can you imagine what a change I underwent. Here I was thinking everybody had forgotten me when right before me was a token of remembrance from the ones with whom I had been employed such a short time. No, I doubt if any one, except those to whom like surprises have been sprung could understand what a feeling of gratitude you would hold for the kind words of such a remembrance. I felt happy all over, at once. The blood in my veins tingled for entertaining the foolish thoughts I had been a few moments previously and I resolved then and there as Nathan Hale said, "I only regret I have but one life to give to my country." The flag of our country stands for so much and the boys of what flag are all so anxious for the time to come that they may join their comrades "over there" and return with our flag which knows nothing but victory to those whom have entrusted the honor of defending it to us.

Macbeth-Evans Glass Company, accept my thanks.

Most gratefully yours,
Thomas Prescott,
Co. I, 318 Ambulance, Camp Lee. Va.

Card Of Thanks.

We wish hereby to thank the neighbors and friends, the minister and choir of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church and all those who by tokens of flowers and expressions of sympathy shared our sorrow in the recent death of our mother, Mrs. Rosanna Smallwood.

The Sons and Daughters.

Paper Thieves Arrested by Chief of Police Albright

Chief of Police Albright solved a mystery this morning which has been bothering him for some time and incidentally which has caused him to believe that the delivery of his morning paper was not properly attended to.

For several days he has been missing his morning paper and complained at Night's book store have always met with the answer that the carrier was delivering as instructed. However the paper continued to disappear, much to the annoyance of the Chief, who was under the impression that some one else was taking it, or else that it was not being delivered. This morning, however, the mystery was explained. While standing in front of the police station he noticed two dogs of the mongrel type go up to the door where his paper was delivered and they stopped. Directly they grabbed up the morning paper, which was lying just outside the vestibule, and in a few minutes it was nothing more than "scraps of paper." After completely destroying this paper they picked up one in front of Decker's and treated it the same way. That was enough for the Chief. He realized at once who the paper thieves were and with the aid of a boy he trailed the dogs and soon had them impounded. Both the animals are without tags, and it is the purpose of the Chief to send them to the "long road" where they will never more annoy people by tearing up their morning papers.

COMMEND THE LOCAL FIREMEN APPRECIATION FOR RED CROSS

Chief Fleming of the Charleroi Fire Department is in receipt of the following letter from S. F. Nelson, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel of Monessen which was damaged by fire on the night of December 31st:

"Dear Chief—I take this opportunity in expressing my gratitude to you and your department for the faithful service rendered at the fire of the Commercial Hotel, December 31st. A man can rightfully appreciate the services of a fire department until his own home is placed in jeopardy by the raging flames and then to behold a body of men at the risk of their lives and health devoting their energy in saving property and lives. Will you express to your firemen the mutual kind assistance rendered by the fire department and public of Monessen and the assurance that our department will render their aid and assistance to you should the opportunity arise."

CARS COLLIDE AT CASTLE SHANNON TO SHIP COAL BY RIVER AND RAIL

A collision between trolley cars 3816 and 3604 at Castle Shannon at 6:25 o'clock Tuesday evening resulted in both cars being badly damaged, as well as a number of passengers on car 3616 being considerably shaken up, although none of them were seriously injured. Car 3604 was stripped from the city and was crossing over to go to the barn when it was run into by car 3616, which was in charge of Motorman B. L. Holcomb and Conductor Ed. Michener. The accident will put both cars in the shop and it will be some time before they are ready for service again. This fact will compel the Pittsburgh & Charleroi line to go back to the hour service between the city and the upper valley, although half hour service is being maintained by local cars between Fifth street and Roscoe.

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TROLLEY SERVICE
WAS DISARRANGED

Trolley service between the upper valley and Pittsburgh on the Pittsburgh & Charleroi line was somewhat disarranged on Monday, only the four cars being in operation. This was due to the fact that a number of cars were badly in need of repairs and it was necessary to take some of them off the line to have them fixed. The railway company has lost many skilled men since the war began and it is a difficult matter to secure competent help to look after the electrical repairs on the line.

HOW ONE WOMAN "DID HER BIT"

Mrs. Nellie Gavrilac, who lives on the Harvey Sampson farm in Carroll township, near Hazel Kirk, although of foreign birth, is none the less most patriotic in her desire to "do her bit" in the way of helping to win the war. Recently Mrs. Gavrilac knit two pairs of curtains, the actual cost of which for material and labor was over \$60. After these curtains had been finished she arranged for their sale, which netted \$200.00. After deducting the actual cost of the articles, which amounted to \$64.50, she turned the balance, \$135.50, over to the Monongahela Auxiliary of the Washington County Red Cross, a contribution highly appreciated by the society. Those officers returned their most sincere thanks for the donation.

NEW SUPER-FOR ALLENPORT PLANT

Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Steel Products company, had notices posted Friday at the Monessen and Allenport mills of the Pittsburgh Steel Products company to the effect that W. C. Sutherland has been appointed superintendent of their Allenport plant.

Mr. Sutherland has been with the Pittsburgh Steel Products company only a short time but has moved his family to this vicinity, occupying the residence of Assistant General Superintendent Albion Bindley, at Lock No. Four.

He came from the U. S. Steel Corporation plant at Gary, Ind., where he held a responsible position in the steel business. Work is being pushed as rapidly as possible on the Allenport plant, farther up river above Monessen.

HAS BEEN ASSIGNED
TO OFFICERS TRAINING CAMP

Ody Abbott, of New Eagle, who is in charge of the first draftees from the Fifth District, and who left Charleroi last September, for Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, has been assigned to the officers' training camp which has been opened in that contention. He will serve three months at this assignment, and hopes to win a commission in that time.

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CLOSING UP DRAFT WORK

Questionnaires are all Mailed Out to Registrants From Donora

CLASSIFICATION UNDER WAY

The last of the questionnaires were mailed out from Donora to registrants in the Fifth District today and it is anticipated that by Monday next at the latest all of the papers will have been returned to headquarters for classification.

As a general rule registrants receiving their questionnaires have been very prompt in making them out and returning them to the draft board, and it is only in exceptional cases where they have been allowed to run over the seven-day period provided by law. There have been cases where the questionnaires have not been delivered very promptly, due to the delays in mail service, but as the congestion seems to be clearing away it is expected that all further delays will be eliminated.

It is announced that in Monongahela the final legal advice meeting for the benefit of registrants will be held on Friday evening next. Carl E. Gibson, Esq., in charge believes that all questionnaires will be in the hands of registrants by that time, and that a clean-up will be made. It may be that some cases will be taken care of.

Just now in making the classification of registrants as shown by the questionnaires. After being classified the registrant is notified by card of the classes in which he has been placed. If he is dissatisfied he can appeal from the decision of the board. It is not anticipated, however, there will be many cases of appeal.

RE-ELECT DIRECTORS OF FIRST NATIONAL

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held at the banking rooms of the institution Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at which time a report of the business of the preceding year was made. This report showed the bank to be in a very flourishing condition and that a substantial increase in all lines had been made. After hearing the report an election for directors took place when the old board, consisting of Hon. John E. Tener, S. A. Watton, George S. Might, Samuel Galbraith, Eugene Farr, D. M. McCloskey and R. H. Rush, was re-elected. The new board will meet shortly for organization at which time officers will be elected or appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

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Majestic Theatre Today
MADGE EVANS
In, "ADVENTURES OF CAROL"
also Comedy

Start the New Year Right

Buy a "Baby Bond" and help win the war. \$4.12 buys a \$5.00 bond. These bonds can be purchased on payments of 25c each. Further information cheerfully furnished.

4 per cent Interest Paid on Savings Accounts



The First National Bank
CHARLEROI, PA.

How Ladies May
Enjoy Smoking

Present Social conditions do not allow you to smoke but you may enjoy the benefits of your husband's smoking if you will insist on him buying his tobacco at the United Cigar Store.

With each purchase of Tobacco, Cigars or Cigarettes we give United Coupons which have two or three times the value of other coupons.

As your share in the smoking you insist on the coupons being turned over to you then you may enjoy the Smoking by having the Coupons redeemed in Premiums.

Might's Book Store

Coyle Theatre Today
EMILY STEVENS
In "ALIAS MRS JESSOP"
Coming Monday, "THE SLACKER"

Watches With a Reputation



Our stock of fine watches contains real opportunities for the prospective watch purchaser. A watch for yourself, for your wife, for your boy you can buy it here at the right price.

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roi, Pa., as Second Class Matter.

OUR BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Charleroi's new borough adminis-
tration is now under way. The changes
in the official family have been
few, but people are naturally inter-
ested in seeing how the new materi-
al will work. Borough affairs have
been well managed in the past, and
while there may have been some
things done which did not meet with
our approval, we must realize that we
are far below our ideals in achieve-
ment, however high we may aim.

The gentlemen who are now in of-
fice were selected by the citizens of
the community and they are charged
with the administration of affairs
for the next few years. They may
have a different view point from what
we have, and may do certain things
one way while we would prefer an-
other. While we have a right to dis-
agree, we should also realize that
these men who are our representa-
tives have not only their rights to
their views, but they have also the
responsibility which attaches to their
office.

In any event it is our duty to give
moral support to every public official
until he forfeits that support by re-
prehensible conduct, but cases of de-
fection of duty have been rare with
borough officials, and we have every
reason to believe that the trust re-
posed in our own will be justified, as
their records will show when their
administration shall come to a close.

FOR A RIVER BILL

The present Congress, will in all
probability pass a rivers and harbors
bill, appropriating about \$20,000,000
for projects now under way and as
well as those approved. The sum in-
dicated is not a large one for river
improvement and it indicates that the
work, which usually accompanies
such a bill, has been pretty thoroughly
tramped off.

Many of the rivers and harbors
bills which have passed Congress in
years past have been open to a great
deal of suspicion and not without jus-
tification. Alleged rivers in various
parts of the country have been re-
commended for improvement which
never knew what commerce was, and
in all probability never would, while
creeks have likewise been included in
the generosity of the measure just
because some member of Congress
happened to have sufficient pull to
have it put in the bill.

However, conditions are different
today. Our entrance into the war
with Germany has impressed our
government officials with the absolute
necessity of the maintenance of the
improvements of the greater rivers
and harbors of the country, and this
will likely be the province of the
bill which will be presented to Con-
gress this winter. The need of im-
proved waterways was never more
apparent in the history of the country
than at the present time and our
recognition of this great gift of nature
has returned to plague us a hundred-
fold within the past few months. Had
it been possible for those interested
in waterways and who have endeav-
ored to build up transportation busi-
ness along the various rivers to
have had a fair measure of success in
the past, there would not have been
the present congested conditions of
railroads at the present time. Delays
in improving great waterways and
other conditions have served to work
to the disadvantage of water trans-
portation in the past, but with the
coming of war conditions Uncle Sam
seems to have seen a new light, and
now maybe within the next generation
it may be possible to secure that
national aid to the improvement of
waterways to which they are justly
entitled. Let us hope so, at any rate.

FOOD CONSERVATION

We have a representative of the
food administration in our midst.
Health Officer Darby has been ap-
pointed to that responsible position
and has already entered upon the du-
ties of his office.

The appointment brings us to the
realization of the fact that the fed-
eral government, through the selection
of a local representative will be in

Charleroi and vicinity and that any
direct touch with the food situation of
the community of the regulations as laid
down by Mr. Hoover will meet with
prompt action.

Henceforth we have felt as if the
administration of food conditions
were all right in a way, but they were
so far removed from us that they
concerned us only slightly. We were
not particularly interested in the com-
munity. However, we are now for a
change. The regulations as to the
distribution of food are so close to the
fact that food regulations
are made to be observed, that pro-
tecting on the part of the merchant
as well as on the part of the
consumer will not be tolerated.
That while there are ample supplies
of food products in the country, it is
going to take a just and equitable dis-
tribution to keep the people of this
country and particularly the army
and the industrial workers going at
top speed. Prices and sales are going
to be regulated, but the law is for
the individual as well as the mer-
chant. We have a community of inter-
est in the application of the food reg-
ulations, which if justly observed,
will mean generous portions for all,
but only trouble for those who would
tempt to evade their enforcement.

AFTER THE "HOGS"

The new Mayor of Connellsville,
inducted into office on Monday is go-
ing after the Hogs. Not the four-
foot kind alone, but those in human
form who would take advantage of
present conditions to "soak" the peo-
ple an extra profit on whatever they
might have to sell.

In his statement to the public he
said that "we still have some hogs
here who should have rings in their
noses so that they can't root that way.
Any merchant who overcharges a
customer if his action is reported to
me, or to the council, will be prosecuted
to the limit."

That sounds as if the Mayor of
Connellsville meant business. Let us
hope he does. He evidently believes
that part of his business to look af-
ter the people of his municipality,
and if he can be of any benefit in
running down profiteers, whether
they deal in foodstuffs or other es-
sentials, he is Johnny-on-the-spot and
ready to pitch in to make the gang-
ster give up his spoils.

We believe local officials can do
much toward relieving unbearable
conditions. The private individual,
generally speaking has but little
weight when it comes to tackling such
a great public problem, but a public
official, a representative of the entire
community, can command a hearing
at any time and what he has to say,
and what he may do, will always have
an effect on those who attempt to ex-
ploit their neighbor.

NEWLYWEDS DINE ON STEW

Wife Prepares Dainty Morsel With
Own Little Hands - But Physi-
cian Must Be Called for Hubby.

The cook had insisted on a day off,
and young Mrs. Freshly-Wedd was in
a quandary and her sunning new
house gown of twisted percale, mused
the Detroit Free Press.

"Til make a stew—anybody can
make a stew!" she cried.

And she proceeded to make a stew.
In the icebox she found seven frank-
furters, a dozen fried oysters and three
pickled herring.

"How fortunate—that is the very
importantest thing," she exclaimed.
And she chopped it all up and added
three cupfuls of salt and two of pepper
so as to be sure not to forget the sea-
soning. Then—because she knew that
a stew must have lots of variety—she
put in a glass of olive oil, two table-
spoonfuls of grated nutmeg, two pack-
ages of Saratoga chips, a can of sal-
mon and a half cake of bitter choco-
late.

At 6:30 Freshly-Wedd came home—
her Ben, stalwart and handsome, who
had never known an hour's illness in
his life.

"Pew!" he exclaimed. "What's
that smell?"

"It's a stew I made for you with my
own 'little hands,' she told him.

"Divine aroma!" cried Freshly-Wedd,
and forthwith sat down and ate two
big platefuls, while his wife watched
him so eagerly that she forgot to eat
any herself.

Three hours later, in response to a
hurry call, Doctor Blister drove up and
rang the front doorbell. Query: Who
was the patient, and why?

WREATH FOR ENEMY AVIATOR

Scotch Flyer Who Brought Down Ger-
man Deported by Royal Flying
Corps to Deliver Flowers.

A true incident that reveals the re-
spect shown by Allied aviators for the
memory of a daring enemy flyer is
told in "Tum of the Scots," by Ed-
ward Wallace writing in Everybody's.
Tum an intrepid Scotsman, was
told that the man he had brought down
the day before was a well-known Ger-
man aviator named Von Zelditz, and
on behalf of the Royal Flying Corps
Tum was selected to take a wreath to the
funeral.

"The wreath, in a tin box, firmly
sealed and attached to a little para-
chute, was placed in the fuselage of a
small Morane—his own machine being
in the hands of the mechanics—and
Tum climbed into the seat. In five
minutes he was pushing up at the
extreme angle at which a man can fly.
Tum never employed a lesser one.

"Only the enemy scout realized the
business of this lone British
flyer and must have signaled his views
to the earth, for the antiaircraft bat-
teries suddenly ceased to fire, and
when, approaching Ludezel, Tum
sighted an enemy squadron engaged in
a practice flight, they opened out and
made way for him, offering no mo-
lestation.

"Tum began to plane down. He spotted
the big white-speckled cemetery, and
saw a little procession making his
way to the grounds. He came down to
a thousand feet and dropped his para-
chute. He saw it open and sail earth-
ward and then someone on the ground
waved a white handkerchief.

"Guld," said Tum, and began to
climb homeward."

JONES HAD A POOR MEMORY

Husband Blamed Wife for Not Turn-
ing Off Gas in Stove—Forgot He
Shut Off Meter.

Speaking at a dinner, Senator George
W. Norris of Nebraska referred to
the beauty of having a good memory,
and fittingly related this story:

At eight o'clock in the morning one
day last summer the Joneses took
trunks, grips and suitcases, and
hustled for the railroad station. Twenty
minutes later a taxicab dashed up
to the Jones house and out jumped
Jones.

"What's the matter, old man?" asked
a kindly disposed neighbor. "Forget
your railroad ticket?"

"No," answered Jones, showing
symptoms of peevishness. "My wife
left a kettle of water boiling on the
gas stove. Didn't think of it until we
reached the station. You can always
depend on a woman to have a mem-
ory like that."

So saying, Jones unlocked the door
and hastened into the house. In about
two minutes he came out again with
his features puckered into a peculiar
twist.

"How did you find it?" cheerfully
asked the neighbor. "Sizzling to beat
a locomotive. I suppose."

"No," guiltily answered Jones, "I
had forgotten that I had turned the
gas off at the meter."

Seattle Becomes Island.

They have been making Seattle look
something like New York, only in the
process Seattle gets a water front of
more than 130 miles as against New
York's 43 (that is, Manhattan's), says
Bos's Life. This winter you will
"bound" Seattle like this: "Seattle
is bounded on the east by Lake Wash-
ington, deep fresh water about 25
miles long and three to five wide; on
the south and west by Puget Sound
(salt); and on the north by the new
deep water lock canal, completed at a
total cost of nearly \$5,000,000, to say
nothing of the cost of regrading the
streets, building new bridges, and do-
ing other things to adjust the city to
the change." The change includes the
dredging of the new waterway to Lake
Union in the very heart of Seattle. The
two lakes named are nine feet above
the waters of the sound at high tide.
The new canal will take the largest
merchant ships afloat, which is doing
enough, for it's on the ships afloat
that count.

Her Expensive Hat.

A woman in London entered a car
rather out of breath and presented a
singular appearance, for instead of a
hat she was balancing a huge basket
on her head with as much grace and
ease as if it had been her Sunday
bonnet. She could just manage to get
through the doorway, but she sat down
with the basket gracefully poised on
her head.

"All fares, please," said the conduc-
tor. "And I shall wait twopence for
that there basket, mum."

"Get away with yer," she said. "D'ye
charge anything for ladies' hats?"

"No, mum."

"Thin get on with yer work. This
er basket is a-going to be my hat."

Fools the Pickpockets.

An automatic clamping device pre-
vents a wallet falling from a man's
pocket and even will defy pickpockets
who do not know how it is operated.

Flames That Give Off No Heat.

A French scientist, who is keeping
the details secret, claims he has in-
vented a flame derived from electric-
ity that will not give off heat.

Pump With No Valves.

For pumping heavy liquids a Welsh
inventor has designed a combined pis-
ton and rotary pump with no valves
that can be easily clogged.

KEPT HAWAIIAN FLAG FLYING

Natives Smeared Pole With Thick Coat
of Grease When French Frigate
Threatened to Capture Fort.

How the Hawaiian flag was kept fly-
ing at great odds is the subject of a
story told recently, says the New York
Herald. It relates to an incident in
1840, when the commander of the
French frigate Poursuivante threat-
ened to capture the old fort. The
French admiral demanded the return
of about \$8,000 which had been paid to
the Hawaiian government by the
French government for an unlawful
seizure of ten years before.

When the fort and Honolulu were
threatened with gunfire, R. C. Wyl-
lie, a British subject, advised Kame-
heme III that the French could not
sink the earth, and so the French
money was buried in the public square.
Also that while the fort might suc-
ceed in sinking the French war ves-
sel, it would be best for the safety
of his people not to make armed re-
sistance.

Wyllie then visited the fort, where
he conferred with Colonel Mahuka,
who was in command. He told the
colonel to call all his men in line
and then asked for the best seaman
among them. From out of the knees
stepped a former whaler who was
ordered to climb the flagpole with a
grease pot and tie the flag securely to
the staff. Then as the whaler de-
scended the pole he smeared it plen-
tifully with grease.

After this there was an honorable
retreat to a point of safety, while the
French marines were put ashore to
enforce the demands of their com-
mander. However, as none of them
could climb the greased pole, the Ha-
waiian flag continued to fly, and as
the French money was safely buried,
they finally had to depart empty
handed.

STUFF HEROES ARE MADE OF

Young South Dakotan Gives Up Busi-
ness and Family of Four Young-
sters to Join the Army.

The Charlotte Observer is in receipt
of a letter from a gentleman in South
Dakota, inclosing a check and asking
that the Observer be mailed to him as
long as the South Dakota troops are
at Camp Greene, as he has a son in
the One Hundred and Forty-seventh
field artillery. The father wrote:

"I have a son in the One Hundred
and Forty-seventh field artillery, For-
ty-first division, Camp Greene. You
will also see his name on the heading
of this letter. I miss him very much,
as I depended very much on him in
the business and expected in my de-
clining years to turn the whole busi-
ness over to him. But his country
called him. He was a West Pointer,
but had resigned to help me. He has
a wife and four little ones at home.
Look him up and give him my love.
Give us all the Camp Greene news
you can of his regiment or battery."

He has a wife and four little ones,
but his country called him and he
heard and heeded. It is of such stuff
that heroes are made.

Speeding Up Lumber Business.

From log to lumber is a rapid trans-
formation after the log is fished from
the pond, hauled up the log slip and
thrown on the skid, off which it rolls
on to the carriage, where it is turned
into correct position by the
"steam nigger," fastened on the car-
riage, and cut into shape and form for
use by the big saws, of which there
are three kinds, band, circular and
gang, a process which requires but a
few minutes. Half an hour later the
lumber is in the dry kiln, or, if timbers
have been cut, they are waiting on the
finger docks, ready for loading on
freight cars.

Reports received at the offices of the
Southern Pine association show that
a majority of mills are now handling
the government's war business on a
six-day schedule. This is, within a
week from the time a government or-
der is received, the trees have been
cut from the forest, hauled to the mill,
manufactured, kiln-dried if neces-
sary, placed on freight cars and de-
livered to points of destination.

Tobacco and Food Crops.

The cultivation of tobacco in the val-
ley of the Connecticut river has been
said to have "robbed the neighboring
fields of half their growth." Many a
farmer in western New England who,
40 years ago, relied on this district for
his cattle feed, must now pay high
prices for grain raised a thousand
miles away. Incidentally the giving up
of so much of the most fertile land in
New England to the cultivation of a
non-essential has materially contrib-
uted to the high price of milk. Now,
however, the raising of tobacco in New
England is on the decline, and this
year many of the fields which were
formerly given over to the cultiva-
tion of that product have been used for
raising more useful crops.

To Put It Mildly.

There was a crash of glass out in
the hall, and we went out to see what
had occurred. When we arrived, the
glass was there, some innocent by-
standers were there, but there was no
visible victim.

"What happened?" we asked.

"Bill was coming along the hall, and
his foot slipped, and he plunged for-
ward and stuck his head right through
that glass door!"

"Well, where's Bill?"

"In the next room being plastered
up."

"Was he cut much?"

"Well, his face was an injured ex-
pression."—Exchange.

How to Apply Gum.

By means of a printed notice attached
to each bottle of gum, H. M. stationery
office thus instructs the government
officials in the use of that substance:
"In ordinary use, the best and most
nearly immediate result is obtained
by using only such an amount of gum
as will just uniformly moisten the sur-
face without leaving any obvious ex-
cess to delay drying, the condition to
be aimed at being that of a gummed
postage stamp just moistened as ordi-
narily applied to a letter." Which is
just another way of saying, "Apply
lightly."—London Tat-Lets.

Ants That Carry Umbrellas.

In Mexico there is a variety of ants
that carry little green umbrellas, made
from bits of leaves, to protect their
bodies from the fierce tropical sun.
Sometimes, writes a contributor to the
Youth's Companion, who has lived in
the turbulent republic across the Rio
Grande, I have seen two ants walking
together while one politely carried the
umbrella over the two. At other times,
she says, I have seen them, when going
in opposite directions, stop and salute
each other before they passed on.

With the Unusual.

It is the unusual event that gives
the unusual person a chance. To
meet the unexpected with decision and
effectiveness is the sign of the leader.
If you can take responsibility when re-
sponsibility is suddenly thrust upon
you, and do your very best with a
clear head, you are the sort of person
who will achieve a permanently re-
sponsible position. And it is the re-
sponsible positions that are well paid
and interesting.—Exchange.

Ever-Faithful Horse.

It is the horse that has fought the
wars of the world and won our human
liberty. Besides this, he has broken
our prairies, sown and harvested our
grain, and delivered it to the markets
of the world. He has carried messages
of victory and of sorrow, and down to
the time of Washington he constituted
the fastest mode of communication
known. If we except only the carrier
pigeon.—Dumb Animals.

"The American Addison."

"The American Addison" was a
complimentary nickname conferred on
Joseph Dennis, a newspaper man born
at Boston in 1768, who won reputation
as "Oliver Oldschool." Under that
pseudonym he established and for sev-
eral years conducted a periodical called
the Portfolio, which, from all ac-
counts, was popular in its day. He
died at Philadelphia in 1812.

"Peat Cotton."

A material known as "peat cotton"
is either made into cushions on which
to rest injured limbs, or as filling for
bandages. One difficulty about using
peat cotton is that it must be kept
moist. When dry it crumbles into dust
and becomes useless. A trace of tar
in the make-up renders peat cotton a
valuable disinfectant.

To Repair Frayed Shoelaces.

When the tag or end fastening
comes off a shoelace, take a little black
sealing wax and press it carefully
around the end of the lace and shape it
to a point. This will last a long time
and does away with the annoyance of
frayed lace ends.

Testing the Taffy.

Pat's grandmother was making him
some old-fashioned molasses candy.
She let him taste it from the cold
water cup to see if it was done. Each
time she would ask: "Is it hard
enough?" and he would answer: "It's
pretty easy yet."

Value of Nation's Own History.

There is nothing that solidifies and
strengthens a nation like reading of
the nation's own history, whether that
history is recorded in books or em-
bodied in customs, institutions and
monuments.—Joseph Anderson.

Educating the Filipinos.

Under the rule of the United States
more than 3,000,000 natives of the
Philippines have had some instruction
in the English language and more of
them speak and write it than any other
tongue.

Being Sure of Heaven.

I would rather be a poor beggar's
wife and be sure of heaven, than
queen of all the world and stand in
doubt thereof by reason of my own
consent.—Catherine of Aragon.

Woman Invents Lamp Shade.

Artistic lamp shades have been in-
vented by a woman who chemically
treats the lining of calves' stomachs
to produce a translucent leather.

Rain Carries Electricity.

Rain carries both positive and nega-
tive charges of electricity, says a
French scientist who has experimented
exhaustively.

Prepare for Sudden Deeds.

We prepare ourselves for sudden
deeds by the reiterated choice of good
or evil which gradually determines
character.—George Eliot.

Rowboat in Three Pieces.

A rowboat for light service has been
invented which can be taken apart in
three pieces for carrying and shipping.

WHY PAY MORE?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE
POSITIVELY
THURSDAY EACH WEEK
Charleroi Hotel, Charleroi
9 A. M. to P. M.



Charges Only \$2 a Visit
(NO LESS—NO MORE)

OFFER LIMITED TO ALL PATIENTS AND NEW
PATIENTS THIS MONTH. Medi-
cines Free.

There is now no need for any sick or af-
flicted to travel to the large cities or their
hospitals to consult a reliable SPECIALIST of
ability, or to any longer pay LARGE FEES.
MONEY IN ADVANCE, as THE UNITED
SPECIALISTS are now visiting here WEEK-
LY, and will continue to do so, as they have a
wonderfully large practice in the treatment
of all manner of curable disease, and their
practice increases each visit. \$2.00 a visit until
you are well, if you commence treatment this
month. Why should you pay BIG MONEY IN
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REASONABLE PRICE Specialists and will
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visit as you get well. Asthma, Bronchitis, Ca-
carrh, Constipation, Dyspepsia, Debility, Ep-
ilepsy, Eczema, Gout, Hemorrhoids, Heart Dis-
eases, Head Noises, Indigestion, Lumbago,
Lung Diseases, Liver, Nervous Diseases, Ph-
thisis, Rheumatism, Rheumatoid, Skin Dis-
eases, Tumors, Vertigo and in fact all chronic
diseases of men and women successfully treat-
ed. Cases that can be greatly helped or cured.
Treated. Incurables and contagious not ac-
cepted. Consultations Free. Make no mistake in
the day visiting here as mentioned above in
this announcement.

THE UNITED SPECIALISTS.
Room 21 Charleroi Hotel, Charleroi
Thursdays Only

Notice to Taxpayers.
All taxes must be paid before Feb-
ruary 1st, 1918 or the tax collector
will collect same according to law.
170-11

FOR SALE

3 houses Lincoln Ave, all for \$4700
4 room house Lincoln avenue...\$3000
5 houses Oakland avenue...\$2600
6 room house McKean avenue...\$2800
7 room house Lock No. 4...\$3600
5 room house Lock No. 4...\$2700
5 room house Crest avenue...\$2800
One lot near new mill...\$1800
15 room house Lookout avenue \$4500

FOR RENT

One store room, good location.

A. L. DUBINSKY
413 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa.

NOTICE

If you are in the market
for a house call and get our
sale list. We have the house
that will make you money.

If you want auto license
we will get them for you or
do your Notary work.

I. P. HEPLER
411 Fallowfield Avenue
CHARLEROI, PA.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes
Indigestion. Druggists
refund money if it fails. 25c

Warning.

Owing to electricity eating through
our pipes and the ground being frozen
to a much greater depth than usual
escaping gas is likely to get into
sewers. All persons are warned to
be especially careful about having
fires or lighting matches in cellars or
wherever escaping gas is detected.
In case any odor of gas is detected,
the gas should be shut off at the meter
immediately, extinguish all fires
and lights, air out the premises and
notify the gas company at once.

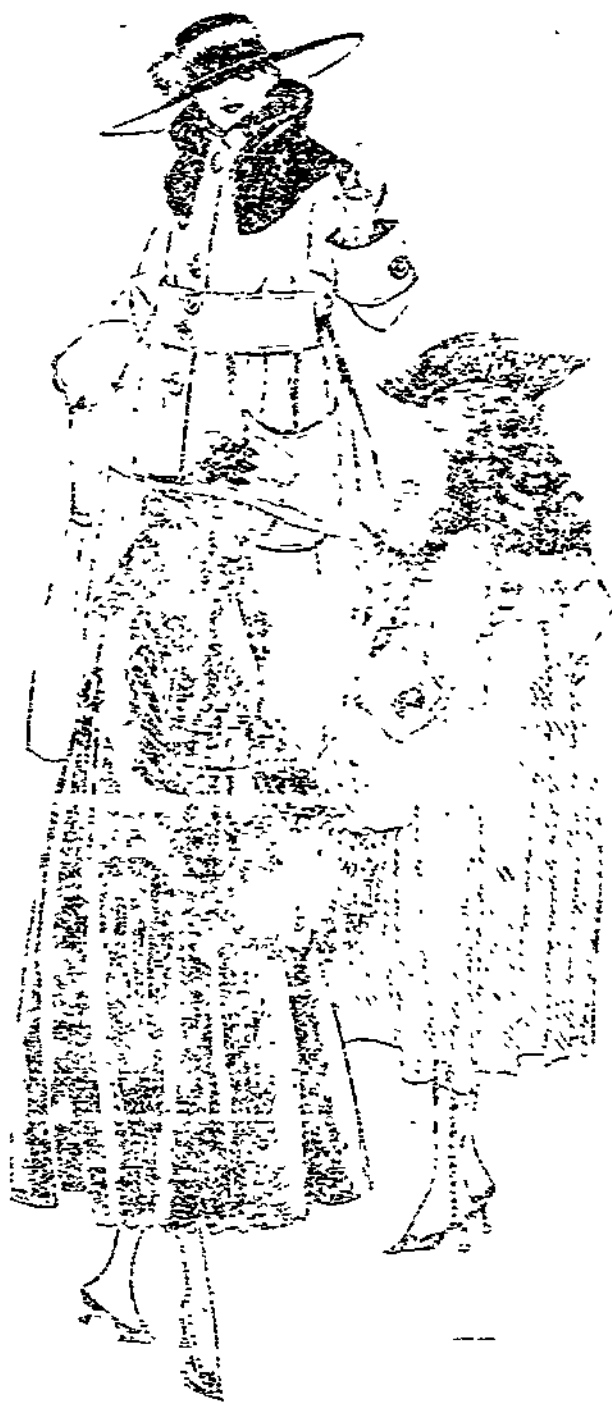
Greensboro Gas Company.
171-16

Please Return Chairs.

Will the party who borrowed chairs
from me before Christmas kindly re-
turn them as I am urgently in need
of same.

Lawrence B. Frye
172-11

Bowels clogged, sick headache, no
fun is it? Why not have hat happy
face, red cheeks that come with good
digestion? Hollister's Rocky Moun-
tain Tea makes the bowels work
regular, natural—makes you feel like
new. Take it tonight. Hennings
Drug Store.



JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

ALL PLUSH COATS REDUCED

Sixty beautiful Plush Coats in as many different fine models, all with stylish large collars either plain or of fur also belted models—many trimmed with wide bands of fur on bottom and cuffs—all wonderfully fine qualities and very unusual values at these prices.

\$25 values reduced to	\$19.75
\$30 " " "	22.50
\$40 " " "	27.50
\$50 " " "	39.75
\$60 " " "	45.00
\$75 " " "	59.75

BARGAIN BASEMENT

200 Women's and Misses' SUITS--reduced to \$1.95 - \$2.95 - \$5.95

Original selling prices up to \$25. A big collection of odd garments in nearly every size and color and in fine quality fabrics.

Fill your Stamp Books this month as we discontinue Trading Stamps after Jan. 31st.

J. W. Berryman & Son Charleroi's Busy Store

Use Uncle Sam

Much time is often lost in making special trips to pay bills—this can be avoided if you maintain a checking account with this bank.

Open an account and pay your bills by check and MAIL them. A saving all around.

BANK OF CHARLEROI CHARLEROI, PA.

Notice to Taxpayers

State and County taxes can be paid here were in Pittsburgh Wednesday to Fred W. Brady, Deputy Collector. The production of the tax return for 1917 is required. The production of the tax return for 1917 is required. The production of the tax return for 1917 is required.

Misses Adeline Fau and Ruth Cleri. The production of the tax return for 1917 is required. The production of the tax return for 1917 is required. The production of the tax return for 1917 is required.

HAVE A LESSON IN FRENCH

Family and Friends of Young Indianapolis Officer Learn the Meaning of "Sans Origin."

The son of a prominent Indianapolis business man recently received a commission and was called for service in France, relates the Indianapolis News. The family and many friends of the young lieutenant were anxious to learn of his life in France, and the father received many letters about his son's welfare during the weeks of silence following his departure.

Finally a letter was received and it was found that the soldier boy had landed safely. Someone thoughtfully inquired just where the letter came from and a close inspection of the message revealed that it was the result of either the post of London or the headquarters of American troops. It was written plainly and in the very top of the message "Sans Origin." Speculation was rife among the associates brought out by the message and the message was finally divided into the two words at the wrong place.

SAYS SHARK MEAT IS GOOD

Writer Declares Fish Looks and Tastes Much Like That of Young Pig, but is Not as Juicy.

A good many people do not know how shark's meat tastes. It is cooked. There is some talk of a government investigation of this matter, observes the Hartford Courant, so that everybody may get the taste as second hand. The writer of this paragraph, owing to the fact that he was a good deal of a seashore man at the time, has tasted cooked shark for himself. The flesh of the shark, when a Southern cook presides over the kitchen, looks very much like the meat of a young pig, and tastes very much like that meat. The main difference is that the flesh of the infant hog is a trifle more juicy.

When one reflects that part of the shark family was created with a relish for human flesh, or has been brought to this liking by some millions of years of evolution, it seems odd that men, when he gets the chance, should also like to eat the shark. It goes to show that in the general scheme of existence nothing is wasted.

The shark can get a good dinner out of a man, and the man can get a good dinner out of a shark. It all depends on which one gets the other first. In either case it is fair eating for the one who gets the dinner.

Old Friends Meet

This world is not such a big place after all. Recently, at Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, writes a New York correspondent, one of our boys in khaki met an Italian soldier with one sleeve of his coat tucked in. "Why," gasped the American. "Bien," returned the Italian. The two had met in Florence, Italy, three years ago. On the lapel of the American there was a small nickel-plated model of the Statue of Liberty, enfolded in an American flag. The Italian asked if he might have it for a keepsake. "Some day I'll come to your land," he said, smiling. "And I'll bring it back to you." And when the American and Italian came face to face the man from the sunny climes still wore the emblem of Liberty on his breast. "And must I return it?" he asked. "Well, hardy," returned the American. "You have earned it a thousand times. Your sacrifice has been for what it represents—Liberty and Justice." "That is right, yes, but is it not worth the sacrifice? Yes, worth it ten thousand times."

The Dream of a World Court

The thought of an international court or conference for the settlement of international disputes is not new, writes Oscar Reuther in Case and Comment. Grotius suggested it nearly three hundred years ago during the Thirty Years' war.

William Penn, in 1683, proposed the establishment of a European diet, parliament, or estates for the maintenance of perpetual peace.

Rousseau, Kant and Bentham followed. Sumner devoted himself to the question of disarmament, the establishment of a congress of nations, and the abolition of war by means of an international court of justice.

Translation of Y. M. C. A.

W. Gordon Griffiths of the Y. M. C. A. told an audience at Cebu that he was proud to be a Welshman although he was unable to speak the "language of Paradise." He had, however, learned one thing in Welsh and that was that the letters Y. M. C. A. may be translated to mean "Yna Mae Cyfie Ardderchog" ("Here is a splendid opportunity.")

Beet and Wheat Food Value

That there is more food value in one acre of beets than in four of wheat is the contention of German agricultural scientists.

A Question

Why don't we get rid of the potato?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LIEUTENANT BINDLEY IS ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Word received by friends of Lieutenant Bindley this week that he was confined to the Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C., suffering with pneumonia, caused some alarm, but later advices from a friend said that the disease had been broken and his fears are now entertained for his speedy recovery. Lieutenant Bindley was first stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., for training, and after receiving his commission was transferred to Camp Gretna, N. C., where he was later placed in the 10th Cavalry's headquarters at Washington. He was home on a furlough about a month ago.

PLIGHT OF TROUSERLESS MAN

Wind Blowing Door Shut Leaves Him in Predicament, Causing Hasty Retreat to Garage in Rear.

A man in North Side town, the Indianapolis News had a predicament when he was his habit to get up with the sun, don his trousers, drink a cup of coffee and work until his wife called him to breakfast, about two hours later.

He rose at five o'clock in the morning and dressed completely—all but the knicker trousers, which he kept in the basement. He descended the stairs and was on the way to the basement, when he saw outside a bottle of cream left by the milkman. Thinking of the effect of sunlight on cream and of his cupful of coffee, he peered up and down the street, opened the door, stepped out, grabbed the bottle hurriedly. Just as he turned to go in he heard a slam—the wind had blown the door shut. He found himself out on the front porch, fully dressed, with the exception of a pair of trousers. The door was locked. He looked wildly up and down the street, vaulted the low cement railing and made a bee-line for the garage, the only available place of refuge and seclusion. He remained in the garage until his wife learned of his predicament, about two hours later, and came to his rescue.

The story would have remained a dark secret had not a neighbor—a woman, too—seen the whole affair and witnessed the mad scramble for the garage.

WOMEN AS GREAT ORGANIZERS

Matrons Conduct Large National Gatherings With a Zest and Order, and Not a Man is to Be Seen.

In the last 20 or 25 years particularly the women of this country have become past masters in developing nation-wide organizations. The groups which they have formed sometimes number as many as a million women. They take great delight in the perfection of their machinery. Much of the social awakening among women, the desire to improve their surroundings, comes from the stimulus and the education they get from their organizations.

But these organizations, it should be noted, are voluntary, writes Ida M. Tarbell in Harper's Magazine. They are directed to some purpose which appeals particularly to the group. Each stands on its own feet—that is, they are not co-operative organizations; and again, they have nothing to do with men. Go to one of their national gatherings. You will see meetings conducted with a zest, an order, a directness which throws in the shade almost any men's convention I ever saw, and not a man to be seen anywhere.

Record Floods in China

The Celestial kingdom has been the scene of some of the most terrible floods on record, observes London Times. In 1901 the Yellow river overflowed and destroyed nearly 2,000 villages and towns and 5,000,000 people. Two years later there were great inundations in Mongolia, caused by typhoons, resulting in a death toll of 6,000.

Buds and Flowers in Cooking

The French Canadians are said to use the acid flowers of the redbud, or Judas tree, in salads, while the buds and tender pods are packed in vinegar. Honey locust pods, often locally called "honey-shucks," contain a sweetish, thick, cheese-like pulp, which is often eaten. Those of the mesquite furnish the Mexicans and Indians with a nutritious food. The Creoles of Louisiana, famous for their cookery, are reported to use the young buds of the sassafras as a substitute for okra in thickening soups.

Nova Scotia's Fish Army

Nova Scotia is literally "the land of fish"—cod, herring, mackerel and the giant albacore or tuna. Nova Scotia is so much a land of fish, says a writer, that it produces over one-fourth the value of the entire Canadian catch, or \$9,168,851 worth. Every fishy haven around the extensive Bluebonnet Land coast harbors fishing smacks galore, while Lunenburg, Canis, Liverpool and Chester are home ports for hundreds of fleet-winged deep-sea banking Schooners.

Neatly Put

We are told that Tom Hood liked best to work in a serious vein, on such poems as "The Bridge of Sighs." As he put it himself: "It's only for my comfort that I'm a lively hood."

BENTLEYVILLE BANK MAKES NO CHANGES

Joseph A. Herron, of Monongahela, was in Charleroi on Tuesday, on his way home from Bentleyville, where past week, due to a shortage of fuel, he had spent the day in attendance at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers & Miners Bank of which he is President. There was no change made by this bank in its efforts to keep the money of the directors, nor in any of the efforts of the bank. Just now the Farmers & Miners is liquidating the affairs of the National Bank of Bentleyville, by order of the Comptroller of the Currency. The order for the liquidation was issued from Washington last week.

MANY DRAFTEES ARE NOT REACHED

A large number of questionnaires have been returned to the office of a registration board at Donora, from different post offices in the "United States." These questionnaires were mailed to the addresses given to the board when the draftees registered last summer. Since that time it is evident that many of them have moved away or have neglected to call for their questionnaires, with the result that hundreds of them are now piled up in the office at Donora, awaiting claimants. If there is any one who has been expecting a questionnaire which has not yet been received, it would be advisable for him to call at the Donora headquarters and make inquiry.

DRAFT BOARD GETS ITS FIRST VOLUNTEER

The draft board of the Fifth District received its first voluntary induction into the military service of the United States on Tuesday evening, when Gaetano Carullo, an Italian, of Monongahela, enlisted in the United States infantry. Herebefore applicants for voluntary service have asked to be sent to certain departments of the army, but the board was only authorized to receive recruits for the infantry. Carullo will be sent to Ft. Greene, Charlotte, N. C., on Monday next.

STEAMER AND SHOW BOAT SUNK ON OHIO

The show boat Cotton Blossom and steamer Jewel, owned by Capt. Ralph Emerson, both of which were familiar figures on the Monongahela river during the summer season, were sunk by an ice float in the Ohio river at Ft. Pleasant on Monday. This is the first accident of the kind to occur on the Ohio river this winter.

PERSONALS

C. R. Newcomer was a business caller in Washington Tuesday. Mrs. Benjamin Usher visited with relatives at Fayette City Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Albright of McKean avenue visited in Pittsburgh Wednesday.

NO CHANGE MADE BY BANK OF CHARLEROI

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Bank of Charleroi was held on the 3rd inst., at which time the old board of directors was re-elected. The board did not organize at that time for the coming year, this meeting being deferred until a later date. The report made to the stockholders was of the most encouraging character, showing the greatest volume of business in the history of the bank.

TO PROTEST AGAINST STREET CAR SERVICE

Monongahela citizens have called mass meeting to be held in the auditorium of the city building Thursday evening, January 10, to protest against the street car service. A special committee is in charge of the arrangements and all citizens with "kicks" are invited to be present.

DIES AT HER HOME IN EAST END, PITTSBURG

Hulda, wife of John Grosz died at the family home, 5322 Mignonette street, Pittsburgh, Tuesday, January 8 at 10:25 a. m. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CLOSED DOWN BY LACK OF FUEL

The rod mill of the Donora wire was in Charleroi on Tuesday, on his way home from Bentleyville, where past week, due to a shortage of fuel, he had spent the day in attendance at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers & Miners Bank of which he is President. There was no change made by this bank in its efforts to keep the money of the directors, nor in any of the efforts of the bank. Just now the Farmers & Miners is liquidating the affairs of the National Bank of Bentleyville, by order of the Comptroller of the Currency. The order for the liquidation was issued from Washington last week.

CHARGED WITH PROFITEERING

Joseph W. Vance and E. F. Willson, trading as Vance & Willson, a coal dealer of Belle Vernon, were arrested on Tuesday on Federal warrants charging profiteering. By special arrangement they were arraigned before a magistrate in Belle Vernon and each released on \$1,000 bail for a hearing before a United States Commissioner in Butte on Friday. They are accused of selling coal to Charles K. Keenan, of Newell, Fayette county, at a price higher than that fixed by the President. Special agents of the Department are working on several cases which involve both coal brokers and producers. It is said that in all probability about 15 arrests will be made before the investigation is completed.

CHARLEROI BOY ENLISTS IN THE AVIATION SECTION

Charles E. Muckle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Muckle of Tenth street and McKean avenue, enlisted in the United States Army at the Pittsburgh recruiting station on the 2nd of January. On Tuesday they received a letter from him, saying he was stationed at Ft. Thomas, Newport, Ky., having been assigned to the Aviation section.

COUNTY POOR BOARD MAKES NO CHANGES

The Washington County Poor Board organized on Tuesday in compliance with the law. No change was made in the officers of the Board, nor in any of the departments under its charge. The employees at the poor farm and the children's home were all re-elected.

Those who have been wanting an old fashioned winter for so many years are certainly not being disappointed at this time.

Classified

FOR SALE—A twelve room house with a six room house in rear. Rents for \$52 per month \$3700. Peoples Realty Company. 166-4f

FOR SALE—Barber shop with three chairs. Inquire 1014 Falkowfield Avenue. 171-46-p

FOR SALE—\$600 Player piano, mahogany case, just like new. Only used a short time. Will sell to quick buyer at big sacrifice, 50 rolls music and bench. Address \$2 Charleroi Mail. 174-44p

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. 101 Falkowfield avenue. 164-4f

WANTED—Men between 21 and 40 years for conductors and motor men. Apply 9 a. m. to 12 noon 8 Bank of Charleroi Building. 167-412

WANTED—Young lady clerk for wall paper store. Apply 312 Fifth street. 172-43

WANTED—Girl for general house work. One who can go home at night. Address 81 Mail office. 172-4f

Found—1918 Truck license plate. Owner may have same by calling at Mail office and paying for this advertisement. 174-4f

BETROTHAL OF THE JUNGLE

Maiden and Intended Each Supposed to Meditate on Advisability of Union Before Ceremony.

A second beating of tom-toms thundered through the barrio. The bride was coming! Down an avenue made for her by women of the tribe slowly crept the tiny figure. It was cradled in the softest eastern stuns; jeweled anklets and bangles tinkled merrily. A gauzy veil of wondrous workmanship swathed the figure, but through it Piang recognized his beloved Papita.

Slowly she approached; fearfully she raised her eyes to the man who awaited her, Florence Partello Stuart writes in *St. Nicholas*. Her little feet fluttered, and Papita leaned heavily against the woman who supported her.

But at that moment Piang gave a strange whistle, three soft notes of a mamba bird floated over the barrio and Papita became suddenly alive. Again the notes stole through the jungle. The bride threw back her veil.

"The unwilling maid seems to have forgotten her vow," said one scornful woman to another.

The priestess commenced the ceremony that was to last all night. It was filled with weird chants to which Papita responded with renewed vigor. But her eyes furtively glanced toward a spot near the curve of the creek where a slender reed swayed unceasingly.

After several hours the priestess led the way to the water and Ynoch placed Papita in her gala vinta and pushed her out into the stream. He got into another and the two boats nosed each other while the crowd showered them with oils and perfumes. When the command came to part, the boats shot off in opposite directions.

A maudea and a bridegroom are each supposed to meditate, in Oriental fashion, on the advisability of the union before the final ceremony; so read the Dyak marriage laws.

AMERICANS' ONE GREAT IDEA

Happiness Has Principal Charm—The People Are the Most Idealistic and Imaginative.

"The Americans are the most idealistic and imaginative people in the world, and the most prosaic, because like Wordsworth, the most prosaic of poets, they believe in happiness, and happiness to them as to Wordsworth means 'mens sana in corpore sano,' every one efficient in the tasks of modern life, the least heroic of doctrines.

"I met a young American poet, handsome, and besides elated by winning some prize or other for a poem. He said to me in his arrogant way that poetry is a by-product of life. Why, I said, 'it is life itself.' 'I don't agree with you,' was all he condescended to reply. This young man expressed the American idea.

"I think the English dislike of theories, etc., through their long history is because of their poetical minds and their preoccupation with personality and its freedom.

"The taste for scenery has this advantage over the taste for human nature; the heart is not bruised. Yet since scenery is never absurd as are poor mortals, neither is there laughter nor genial pity. We love scenery principally because the feelings it creates are tranquil and easily controlled so that we can enjoy our full measure of self-content; dealing with human nature, the poet cannot be the superior person nor can he be proud." From the Letters of John Butler Yeats.

About Cork.

A good, sound cork is something worth taking care of and using properly. Never "waggle" a cork out of a bottle. That is the best way to break or at least spring a crack in the cork. Remove the cork with a turning or twisting movement, always in one direction only, i. e., not a twist one way and then in the opposite way. Replace the cork with the same twist as when removing it. Never lay a cork down on a dirty, splashed table. If it must be laid down, stand it on its crown or top. For bottles containing liquids in use, e. g., developers, etc., attach the cork to the bottle thus: Pass a crochet needle through the top of the cork, and with its aid draw the end of a piece of fine twine right through the cork, and tie this end of the string round the neck of the bottle, so adjusting matters that the cork just falls to reach the table (i. e., bottom of the bottle) when the cork and string are free. This saves the cork getting lost in the darkroom.

Makes Eggs Tell Their Age.

A novel and rapid way whereby to determine the age of an egg has been developed by M. Grossfeld, a French investigator. He has supplemented the usual method by one dependent on specific gravity, notes the Boston Transcript. The existing way whereby to determine the age of eggs is by candling them and taking note of the "mirage" which forms about the yolk. Mr. Grossfeld has determined that specific gravity of normal eggs in the way attributed to Archimedes, and there has been figured out the loss in gravity for each week of keeping. For quick inspection of qualities of eggs, he has devised a form of hydrometer. The egg takes the place of the weighted bulb and the scale indicates the specific gravity and at the same time the age of the egg. A little cage has been arranged to hold the egg and is capable of quick handling. Big eggs and little eggs are subject to errors in the readings, but with eggs in the vicinity of 55 grammes the indication is instantaneous.

Mercurius.

In the mythology of ancient pagan Rome Mercurius, or Mercury, to give the English form of the Latin name, was the deity of commerce and gain, and was identified by the Romans with the Greek Hermes. A temple was built to Mercurius as early as B. C. 405, near the Circus Maximus, and an altar of the god existed near the Porta Capena by the side of a well. His festival was celebrated on May 25, and chiefly by merchants who visited the well near the Porta Capena to which magic powers were ascribed.

Great Mangrove Swamps.

Mindoro, one of the larger islands of the Philippine group, is a province by itself and contains 3,983 square miles. It is distant from Manila a little more than 100 miles. Along the shores of this island are more than 30,000 acres of mangrove swamps, with large tracts in practically virgin growth, conservatively estimated to yield 50,000 tons of bark ready for export into approximately 17,000 tons of cutch. Just why this growth should have remained untouched for so long is not explained.

Monks Carved Church Seats.

Church seats carved by monks are to be seen within the walls of the ancient church at Clodock on the borders of Monmouthshire. The edifice was built some eight centuries ago and for many years it had interesting relations with Lanthony Abbey while it was the monks of the adjacent monastery that did much of the beautiful carving within its walls. The fine tower is now so dilapidated that it must be speedily restored if it is to be saved from ruin.

Rules Only for the Weak.

It is one of the weaknesses of mankind that it is forever establishing rules, programs, formulae. They serve their purposes for the guidance of ordinary minds. But the pioneers of thought ride rough-shod through the rules. They gain the ends they desire by refusing to be directed by what someone else has thought before them, by what teachers have insisted upon as binding.—Exchange.

Best Kind of Play Is Work.

One of the best kinds of play is work. Many of the elements of play enter into work if it is performed in the right spirit. The most satisfying forms of play are those in which interest is excited; competition, with desire to succeed and accomplish some definite end, makes the game worth playing. Work is fatiguing and distasteful when it is lacking in these elements.

Take Pains.

Genius has been defined as an infinite capacity for taking pains, and talent, which is a sort of second cousin of genius, has the same characteristics, observes an educator. One who will take pains enough will meet with a measure of success. And no one who belittles the need of patient, plodding work is likely to succeed, no matter what his endowments.

At Sunday School.

"Give an account of Balaam," said the teacher. "Balaam was a prophet who lived a long way off," replied the student. "After a while he went out for a ride on his donkey, and he got very angry with the donkey and hit him," and a voice from heaven said, "You must not hit the donkey; it is holy ground."

Making Bulgarian Milk.

The milk of the Bulgarians, well known all over the world for its superior nutritive quality, is made by exposing it to the sun, the rapid development of the germs under the action of the ultra violet rays being such that when it becomes dry they are in highly concentrated form.

Moss Is Valuable.

"Moss" is the popular name for several kinds of small flowerless plants which flourish in damp places. In mountainous and wet districts tracts of moss are of great service in retaining the water and preventing sudden floods.

Too Particular.

The girl who thinks more of her georgette crepe waist than she does of her bean and refuses to permit it to get mussed will never marry to the well-known tune of Mr. Mendelssohn.—Florida Times-Union.

Some Towers.

The height of the Eiffel tower, Paris, is 956 feet; of the Blackpool tower, 520 feet; of New Brighton tower, 570 feet, and of the Woolworth building, New York, 750 feet.

Queer Place for Meteorites.

One of the remarkable features of the ocean's floor is the fact that in some places it is covered with the dust of meteorites.

Silent Applause.

Many a vaudeville actress seems to think she's a big thing because she sings through her nose, like an elephant.—Exchange.

Vehicles Bear Owners' Names.

In England all carts and wagons must bear the owner's name and address before being used in a public highway.

CAUSE OF TIRED FEELING

Complaint, Common With Many People Every Morning, Due to Pressure of Too Much Purin.

The familiar condition in which one wakes up in the morning, after a good night's rest, with a dry mouth, spirits depressed, feeling tired, aching all over, was explained by Dr. Nathan S. Water of Cleveland in the course of a discussion at a recent meeting of the American Medical association.

He said such a person will go ahead and do a hard day's work and feel better as the hours pass, until in the evening all signs of trouble have gone. Such a person often has severe pains in the abdomen, the muscles of which were extremely sensitive; but the more they were pressed the less sensitive they became.

This condition is not, as often believed, due to intestinal toxemia, or poisoning of the blood by the products of imperfectly digested food, but to an excessive pressure of too much purin in the system.

When the foods that are rich in purins are given up the sufferers rapidly improve. They were never really fatigued, their symptoms being merely a stimulation of fatigue.

Auguste Rodin.

A keener interest in more and more aspects of humanity, a readiness to find more and more kinds of men and women worthy of plastic representation, a preference for expressiveness to traditional beauty, a love of life because it is life—by these tokens we may know Rodin for a modern of the moderns in his day, who made the spirit of his time incarnate in marble and bronze. Like every artist who begins by outraging our love of the familiar, he ended by forcing some of us to revise our definition of beauty, says the New Republic. Even those who most passionately deny that his beauty is beauty can never see quite as they would have seen if Rodin had not lived. He makes them less at ease in presence of the conventionally noble, even when excellent in its kind; reveals a humanity which cannot reach us through the conventionally noble without an effort. Those wrappings of nobleness hid something from us. Was it truth?

It Can't Be Done.

Few know better than Vincent Tabor the utter absurdity of trying to please the women of today. From evidence presented in the Court of Domestic Relations, writes a New York correspondent, it appears that he has at no time tried it, but the demands made by his wife have convinced him that there would be no hope anyway. The matter in consideration was a means to keep Mr. Tabor at work, a means to force him to provide \$8 a week for his wife's support and a means to terminate his desperate struggle to drink a harried world dry. "Aw, judge, nothin' can be done," admitted the somewhat tearful defendant, "as long as yuh can't make money enough to satisfy all the highfalutin' ideas of the women. Two months ago we wuz all right again an' everything goin' good, when Minnie made me move to a house what had a bathtub in it. We ain't had a day of happiness since."

To Induce Sleep.

When trying to induce sleep it is well, observes an authority, to put away all serious thoughts and try to get the mind into a pleasant, elevated state. Some people make a habit of reading before retiring, but too often one reads on until eyes and head ache. As a result the following morning the eyes are bloodshot and bulging from the overstrain and the individual has lost the necessary amount of rest because of this enforced strain. It is most important that the ventilation of the sleeping apartment be attended to; that there is clear, fresh air circulating. Windows should be raised from the bottom and lowered from the top also, so that the air may circulate freely. The question of whether it is healthy to sleep with a pillow or without one has been debated many times, but a happy medium is recommended as the most comfortable one.

Sanitary Fountains.

An investigation of drinking fountains at the University of Minnesota, carried out by the state board of health, led to the rather startling result that the 77 fountains in use at the university, most of which belonged to various supposedly "sanitary" types were found to be improperly constructed to prevent contamination by the consumer, according to the Scientific American. The principal defect was the vertical discharge of the water, making it necessary for the consumer to place his mouth directly over the point of discharge. It was found that the majority of persons drank with the lips touching the nozzle. The investigators devised a new type of fountain in which the discharge is at such an angle that there is no possibility of water falling back from the mouth upon or near the orifice.

A Unique Suggestion.

A constable in a Vermont town recently rounded up a number of hobos. "Come along," he said to them, "you have all got to have a bath."

This announcement was, of course, received with considerable perturbation, especially by the eldest of the men. "What!" he exclaimed. "A bath! A bath with water?"

"Sure thing," said the constable. "Look here, Mr. Constable," said the apprehensive one. "Couldn't you manage it with one of them vacuum cleaners?" Case and Comment.

Acids Enganger Ships.

Shipmasters dislike carrying drums of acid where they cannot be reached readily. A Chilean ship, the Japan Advertiser says, recently put in at the Falkland Islands leaking badly. Her cargo was made up of drums of acid and chalk. The acid had leaked from the drums and mixed with the chalk, forming carbonic acid gas in the hold. This gas is deadly and the crew could not make repairs. Meantime the acid had gathered at the bottom of the hold and eaten away the iron frames of the ship.

Courtesy and Appreciation.

To make courtesy popular it must be shown that it pays, pays in dollars and cents as well as in happiness, an exchange says. Appreciation makes for greater effort and creates one of the most valuable assets and builds up a spirit of team work. Much good always results when people think more about their obligations and less about rights. There are many discouraged hearts everywhere that would be helped wonderfully by a word of appreciation.

Three Hands.

One of our famous lecturers used to say some people had three hands, a right hand and a left hand and a little behindhand. The fifth wheel to a cart is frequently mentioned as an example of uselessness, but the third hand is worse than useless, it is a serious handicap, observes a writer. All of us need to keep our right hand busy, and most need to teach the left hand to do its share, but a little behindhand should be promptly amputated.

To Mend Marble Ornaments.

To mend marble ornaments, plaster of Paris, finely powdered, is soaked in as much saturated solution of alum as it will absorb. The mixture is baked in a slow oven, and when hard it is ground to a powder. This powder, mixed in water and applied like plaster, sets very hard, will take a very good polish, and, if properly colored, makes a capital imitation of any kind of marble.

Gaza, a Place of Trade.

In almost every particular the modern Gaza is an Egyptian rather than a Syrian town. It is full of rich vegetation, and its many glistening minarets show up against the dull green of innumerable olive trees. Gaza is still, as of old, a place of trade, of camels and caravans, and its bazaars are loud with traffic and filled with merchandise.

Legal Anatomy.

I followed with interest from time to time the innocent errors of the little blue-eyed helpmate of the office. I doubt not that, without her help, greater mistakes in typing would be made; not in spelling or grammar, perhaps, but such as these: "Dear Sir yours of the 1st received and in reply will say," etc.

"Be that as it may, I have one here which I think worthy of a paper. I dictated as follows:

"Such a proposition, couched as it is in terms to mislead the jury, is not a true statement of the law, is untenable and is certain to mean defeat to the ends of justice."

My stenographer evidently thought that our courts use a defeated litigant much as father does an unfavorable suitor for daughter's hand, for she wrote:

"Such a proposition, couched as it is in terms to mislead the jury, is not a true statement of the law, is untenable and is certain to mean defeat to the ends of justice."—West's Docket.

Woman Suffrage.

It was in the early days of the advanced movement of woman suffrage, muses an exchange, when by the magistrate's orders a number of "enthusiasts" went to Holloway jail. Among them was a most excellent charwoman who was employed at Clement's inn. A sympathetic meeting was held on their release, at which the chairman spoke in eloquent terms. "Here you have," he remarked, "a body of delicately nurtured, earnest-minded women who, for some trifling infraction of the law, find themselves condemned to prison, and there for the first time in their lives—"

"Beg pardon, sir, for interrupting," said the charwoman, jumping up hastily, "but I think I ought to tell you that I did once get seven days for banging my old man on the nose!"

Who Gets the Kiss?

"Since you worked your examples so nicely," said the pretty teacher, "I shall give you a kiss." "Teacher, I didn't know there was to be a reward," responded the honest orphan. "It's only fair to tell you that my big brother did them sums."—Life.

Cake Annoyed Him.

Eugene, who is just beginning to learn he should not eat cake before his meal, was seated at the table when suddenly he saw a cake on the buffet and remarked: "Oh, my! Tover up dat take till I eat my tatoes."

The Moment of Triumph.

One never knows when he has won in an argument until he hears his own views advanced by the man who opposed them six months before.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Palestine's Deep Valley.

The deepest valley is believed to be in Palestine; it is at least 1,800 feet below the level of the sea.

MAKES RAPID HEADWAY

Kidney disease often advances so rapidly that many a person is firmly in its grasp before aware of its progress. Prompt attention should be given the slightest symptom of kidney disorder. If there is a dull pain in the back, headaches, dizzy spells or a tired, worn-out feeling, or if the kidney secretions are offensive, irregular and attended with pain, procure a good kidney remedy at once.

Thousands recommended Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the statement below.

W. A. Bechtel, pattern maker, 120 Thompson Avenue, Duquesne, Pa., says: "I suffered from dull pains across my back at different times, for years. Whenever I stooped over or tried to straighten a kink caught me in the small of my back. The secretions from my kidneys were too frequent in passage and disturbed my rest at night. I often had to get up two or three times. Doan's Kidney Pills brought me relief."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Bechtel had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Administrator's Notice

In re estate of R. M. Cook, deceased, late of the borough of Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

Letters of administration upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

George Newton, Administrator, Charleroi, Pa.

Hugh E. Fergus, Attorney, J-2-9-16-23-301P-6

DAUGHTER GAVE AGED MOTHER VINOL

Now She Is Strong and Better Every Way

Pitman, N. J.—"I suffered from a weak, run-down condition so I could not get around to do my usual light duties, for I am 73 years of age and past hard work. My daughter brought me a bottle of Vinol and asked me to try it, and after taking two bottles I have a good appetite, rest well at night and am stronger and better in every way"—Mrs. F. Anderson, Pitman, N. J.

We wish every feeble, aged man and woman in this vicinity would just try this constitutional cod liver and iron tonic on our guarantee to return their money if it fails to benefit. Formula is on every bottle.

Piper's Drug Store, Charleroi and at the best drug store in every town and city in the country.

When you are wearied from overwork, feel listless and languid, can't sleep or eat as you should, you are getting run-down—an easy prey to dangerous disease germs. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea—nature's herbs—should be taken without delay. Hennings Drug Store.

FOR WOMEN WHO WORRY

Worry and "the blues" are usually linked together and in many cases are due to some functional derangement which is not corrected may lead to more serious ailments. More outdoor life, sleep, water-drinking and a few weeks' treatment with that good old-fashioned root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, will revitalize and strengthen the system and work wonders for any woman. If you are prone to worry and "the blues" try it.

ADAMS

◆ Pure Chewing Gum ◆

a Stick a day
keeps
the "Blues"
away

BLACK JACK

Notice to the Public!

The Pittsburgh Railways Company has this day filed with the Public Service Commission a new schedule of rates and fares, effective January 22, 1918, increasing all present day fares. The new schedule provides for a fare of 53 cents, when tickets are used, or 6 cents, when cash fare is paid. In order to induce passengers to have the exact fare ready that delays, congestion and annoyance in loading may be saved, a coupon of a redeemable value of 4 cents will be issued when a dime is presented. Experience has shown that it is impossible for conductors on pay-as-you-enter cars to make change in pennies without causing great delays. These coupons will be redeemed by the company at their face value. Arrangements will also be made for the opening of stations at many different points for the redemption of these coupons. The location of these stations will be published later.

Tickets now in use will be redeemed by the company on or after January 22, 1918, at their face value or will be accepted for fare by conductors upon the payment of the additional fare required. A new form of ticket will be placed on sale prior to January 22, 1918.

Owing to the fact that the night fare situation is at present before the Public Service Commission and the Courts no change is made in the night car fare in the new schedule filed.

Copies of the new schedules are posted, are on file and may be seen by those interested at the general offices of the company, at offices of dispatchers and at offices where tickets are sold.

Pittsburgh Railways Co.

December 22, 1917.